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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Applicant has provided herewith a replacement abstract on a separate sheet. The original abstract has been amended as follows:

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A torque-limiting coupling device ~~comprises two coaxial, essentially cylindrical co-acting surface (12, 22) on two co-acting parts (10, 20) in the form of~~ including a cylindrical sleeve (20) and a cylindrical shaft (10) respectively. ~~The sleeve and the shaft are in radially tensioned frictional engagement for transferring torque up to a torque limit that corresponds to the radial tension and at which the sleeve begins to rotate relative to the shaft.~~ The device also includes at least one pump mechanism means (3) which is adapted to be driven to pump liquid to the interface from a liquid store to a gap (8) between the co-acting surfaces of the sleeve and shaft (12, 22) upon relative rotation between the sleeve and the shaft. ~~Means (8) are provided for leading liquid away from the gap (8) so as to re-establish said frictional grip subsequent to the occurrence of relative rotation between said parts.~~ One part (10) has a base which The shaft includes a surface layer (50) that defines one (12) of the co-acting surfaces and that is

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~~comprised made~~ of a material, e.g. tombak, whose plasticizing limit is ~~considerably~~ lower than the plasticizing limit of the material in the co-acting surface of the ~~other part~~ (20) sleeve.

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The surface layer (50) ~~includes~~ may include cavities which enable the surface layer (50) to take a smaller radial thickness after plasticization ~~thereof~~ to enable the parts (10, 20) to be relieved of radial load.--

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